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James Albert Brammell, 71, a retired director of the CIA Office of Basic and Geographic Intelligence, died June 27 at a hospital in Philadelphia of complications after heart surgery.

Mr. Brammell, who lived in Ocean City, N.J., was born in Washington. He graduated from the old Western High School and the old Wilson Teachers' College. He earned a master's degree in geography from Clark University in Massachusetts, studied management at Harvard University and attended the Armed Forces Staff College.

He taught in the D.C. public schools before joining the old Office of Strategic Services in 1942. He became chief of cartography with the State Department in 1945. He transferred to the Central Intelligence Agency when it was formed in 1947, and retired in 1970. He moved to New Jersey in 1971.

Mr. Brammell had served on advisory committees to the State Department and the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council. He also was a past president of the Mid-Atlantic Division of the Association of American Geographers.

Survivors include his wife, the former Mary Abbie Tilton, of Ocean City; two daughters, Carol Ransom of El Paso and Ann E. Randall of San Diego; a son, James T., of Ocean City; two sisters, Ruth McCreary of Ocean City and Geneva Payne of Oceanside, Calif.; and five grandchildren.